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For : GENERATION OF ANTIGEN SPECIFIC T SUPPRESSOR  
CELLS FOR TREATMENT OF REJECTION

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COMMUNICATION IN RESPONSE TO  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2002 RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT  
AND PETITION FOR TWO-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

This Communication is submitted in response to the September 30, 2002 Office Action issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. Applicants hereby petition for a two-month extension of time from October 30, 2002 to December 30, 2002. The required fee for a two-month extension of time is TWO HUNDRED (\$200.00) for a small entity, and a check for this amount is enclosed herewith. A response is now due December 30, 2002. Accordingly, this response is being timely filed.

In the Office Action, the Examiner required restriction of the pending claims under 35 U.S.C. §121 to one of the following allegedly independent and distinct inventions:

- I. Claims 27-30, drawn to a vaccine comprising allospecific T suppressor cells, classified in Class 424 subclass 93.1;